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COTTAGE *of* LOVE!

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I DROVE DEVIE OUT OF MY LIFE BECAUSE I LOVED HER TOO MUCH!

DEVIE WILSON HAD BEEN MY SWEETHEART FROM
NAY BACK. WE WERE BORN IN THE SAME SMALL
TOWN, WENT TO SCHOOL TOGETHER, AND SHARED
THE SAME DREAMS, THEN, ON HER EIGHTEENTH BIRTHDAY...

I'VE GOT A SURPRISE
FOR YOU, DEVIE... A
BIRTHDAY PRESENT I
KNOW YOU'LL LOVE!

OH, WHAT IS IT, AL?
I'M DYING OF
CURIOSITY!



AND THEN DEVIE KISSED ME, AS I HAD KNOWN SHE
WOULD. BUT IT WAS NOT A VIOLENT, BLISTERING KISS NOR
A KISS OF GRATITUDE. IT WAS... SWEET AND GENTLE, SOOTH-
ING AND ROMANTIC... THE KIND OF A KISS THAT GOES
ONLY WITH TRUE LOVE...



I'M SURE THAT NO COUPLE IN THE WORLD COULD HAVE
BEEN HAPPIER THAN WE WERE... AND THEN CAME
WINTER AND ICE SKATING WHICH DEVIE LOVED
SO MUCH...

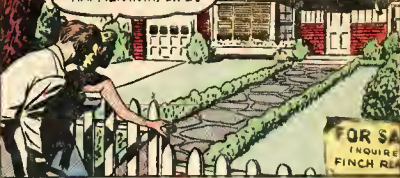
OH, HOW I'VE
BEEN WAITING FOR THIS,
DARLING... THE FIRST
SKATING DAY OF THE SEASON!
I THINK I COULD JUST
LIVE ON ICE!

NO WONDER, THE
WAY YOU SKATE! I
ALWAYS TOLD YOU
THAT YOU SHOULD
HAVE BEEN A
PROFESSIONAL!



THE SIGN SAYS FOR SALE...
BUT DON'T YOU BELIEVE IT,
DARLING! I TOOK AN
OPTION ON THE BUNGALOW
TODAY, AND WE CAN MOVE
IN JUST AS SOON AS WE'RE
MARRIED!

ALION, AL! I-I
DON'T KNOW WHAT TO
SAY! I'VE NEVER BEEN
HAPPIER IN MY LIFE!



THREE MONTHS LATER WE WERE MARRIED, AND MY
HAPPINESS WAS COMPLETE. WE MOVED RIGHT INTO OUR
LITTLE COTTAGE AFTER THE HONEYMOON, AND DEVIE
WAS THE MOST PERFECT WIFE EVER...

WHAT A MEAL! YOU'RE AN
ARTIST WITH THE SAUCE PAN,
DARLING! BUT AFTER A FEAST
LIKE THAT I'M NOT GOING
TO HAVE YOU DOING
DISHES!

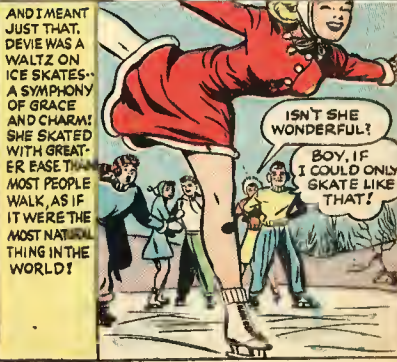
NONSENSE! YOU GO IN
THE OTHER ROOM AND
SMOKE, AND I'LL HAVE
THESE DONE IN A
JIFFY!



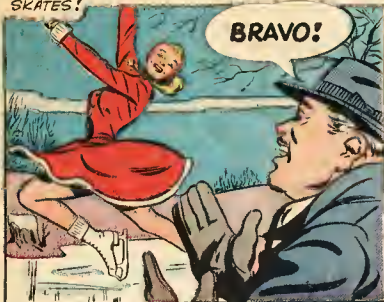
AND I MEANT
JUST THAT.
DEVIE WAS A
WALTZ ON
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A SYMPHONY
OF GRACE
AND CHARM!
SHE SKATED
WITH GREAT-
ER EASE THAN
MOST PEOPLE
WALK, AS IF
IT WERE THE
MOST NATURAL
THING IN THE
WORLD!

ISN'T SHE
WONDERFUL?

BOY, IF
I COULD ONLY
SKATE LIKE
THAT!



THE USUAL GALLERY WATCHED HER PUT ON A SPARKLING EXHIBITION BUT ONE SPECTATOR WAS TO MAKE ME HATE THE DAY DEVIE HAD FIRST SEEN A PAIR OF ICE SKATES!



BRAVO!

YOUNG LADY YOU'RE SENSATIONAL! I'VE SEEN A LOT OF SKATERS, BUT YOU TOP THEM ALL!

WHY, THANK YOU... BUT I COULDN'T BE THAT GOOD!

DON'T BE MODEST, HONEY! YOU'RE THE BEST IN THE WORLD!



THE STRANGER SAID HIS NAME WAS CHAMBERS, BUT THAT DIDN'T MEAN ANYTHING TO US... NOT UNTIL HE EXPLAINED THAT HE PRODUCED AN ICE SKATING SHOW IN NEW YORK!

ALL RIGHT, MR. CHAMBERS, I... I'LL THINK IT OVER. THERE ARE SO MANY THINGS TO CONSIDER!

WELL, TAKE MY ADVICE AND CHOOSE WISELY. A CHANCE LIKE THIS ONLY COMES ONCE IN A LIFE-TIME

I COULDN'T UNDERSTAND WHY DEVIE HESITATED, BUT WHEN WE GOT HOME...

I WANT YOU TO COME TO NEW YORK, AND PRACTICE FOR MY SHOW! YOU'LL BE A STAR

OH, BUT YOU MUST BE JOKING I...

OF COURSE HE'S NOT JOKING, DEVIE! THIS IS IT... YOUR BIG OPPORTUNITY!



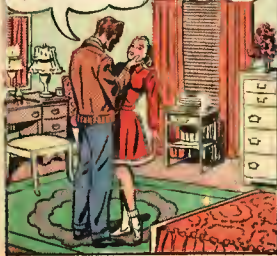
WHAT'S WRONG WITH YOU, DARLING? YOU SHOULD HAVE GIVEN HIM YOUR ANSWER RIGHT AWAY... THERE'S NOTHING TO THINK ABOUT!

BUT THERE IS, AL... THERE IS! I DON'T WANT TO LEAVE YOU! MARRIAGE AND A CAREER DON'T MIX, AND I JUST WANT TO BE YOUR WIFE



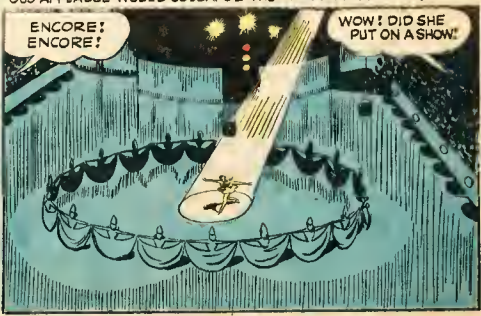
SO THAT'S THE REASON YOU DIDN'T WANT TO GO? OH, DARLING, DON'T YOU KNOW YOU'LL NEVER BE ABLE TO GET RID OF ME? WE'LL GO TO NEW YORK TOGETHER AND PROVE THAT A WOMAN CAN HAVE BOTH MARRIAGE AND A CAREER!

AND SO WE CLOSED UP THE COTTAGE AND WENT TO NEW YORK... AND DEVIE WAS A TERRIFIC HIT! I WAS ALMOST AFRAID THE THUNDEROUS APPLAUSE WOULD COLLAPSE THE GARDEN'S CEILING!

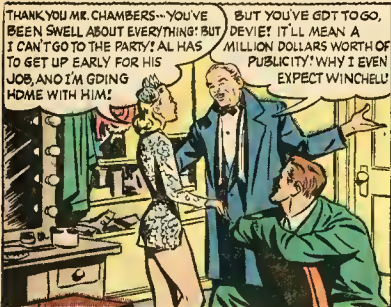


ENCORE! ENCORE!

WOW! DID SHE PUT ON A SHOW!



CHAMBERS CAME IN TO DEVIE'S DRESSING ROOM AFTER THE SHOW AND SAID HE HAD ARRANGED A PARTY IN HER HONOR. BUT DEVIE HAD OTHER PLANS, SHE SAID ...



THANK YOU MR. CHAMBERS... YOU'VE BEEN SWELL ABOUT EVERYTHING! BUT I CAN'T GO TO THE PARTY! AL HAS TO GET UP EARLY FOR HIS JOB, AND I'M GOING HOME WITH HIM!

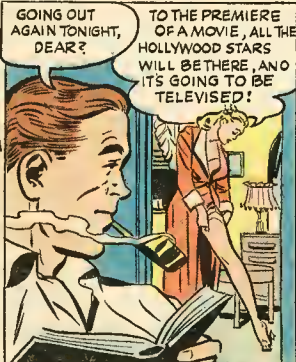
BUT YOU'VE GOT TO GO, DEVIE! IT'LL MEAN A MILLION DOLLARS WORTH OF PUBLICITY! WHY I EVEN EXPECT WINCHELL!

YOU'RE A SWEETHEART, DEVIE, AND I THINK I LOVE YOU MORE EVERY MINUTE, BUT YOU'VE GOT TO GO TO THE PARTY! I'M A BIG BOY NOW, AND I CAN GET TO BED ALL RIGHT BY MYSELF!

WELL... ALL RIGHT, IF YOU SAY SO. BUT I STILL DON'T LIKE IT!



IF ONLY I HAD KNOWN WHAT I WAS DOING... THE MISERY I WAS LETTING MYSELF IN FOR! SLOWLY BUT SURELY I WAS DRIVING DEVIE AWAY FROM ME... AWAY FROM MY ARMS... AWAY FROM MY KISSES... UNTIL SHE BEGAN TO TAKE FOR GRANTED THAT SHE SHOULD FURTHER HER CAREER IN ANY WAY POSSIBLE!



GOING OUT AGAIN TONIGHT, DEAR?

TO THE PREMIERE OF A MOVIE, ALL THE HOLLYWOOD STARS WILL BE THERE, AND IT'S GOING TO BE TELEVISED!

AND I HAD THE FEELING THAT DEVIE WANTED TO GET AWAY FROM ME. SHE HAD CHANGED SO ORASTICALLY, TO THE EXTENT THAT I HARDLY KNEW HER ANY MORE... AND HER LIPS SEEMED ALMOST COLD AGAINST MY CHEEK...



I WAS HOPING YOU'D STAY HOME TONIGHT. BUT OKAY! HAVE A GOOD TIME, DEAR!

DON'T WAIT UP FOR ME. AL I MAY GO TO A RECEPTION AFTERWARDS

DEVIE STARTED GOING OUT MORE AND MORE... ALWAYS ON BUSINESS OR SOMETHING TO HELP HER CAREER, SO SHE SAID, AND I GOT TIRED OF STAYING HOME ALONE, SO ONE NIGHT AFTER SHE LEFT I WENT TO A NIGHT CLUB...



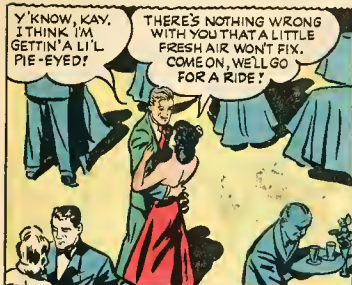
AND WHO SHOULD WALK UP TO MY TABLE BUT KAY MAYER, A GIRL I HAD KNOWN BACK IN MY HOME TOWN! THE FELLOWS HAD ALWAYS CALLED KAY "FAST" BUT I DIDN'T KNOW ABOUT THAT. I DID KNOW, THOUGH, THAT SHE WAS BEAUTIFUL AND THAT I WAS GLAD TO SEE HER!

KAY! WHAT ARE YOU DOING HERE?

I'M IN THE FLOOR SHOW, AL! YOU HERE ALL ALONE? HOW ABOUT A DRINK OR TEN TOGETHER?



WE DID A LOT OF DRINKING -- TOO MUCH, I GUESS, BECAUSE I DON'T TAKE THE STUFF TOO WELL. BUT THE HOURS SEEMED TO FLY BY, AND I WAS HAVING THE FIRST FUN I'D HAD IN MONTHS --



Y'KNOW, KAY, I THINK I'M GETTIN' A LI'L PIE-EYED!

THERE'S NOTHING WRONG WITH YOU THAT A LITTLE FRESH AIR WON'T FIX. COME ON, WE'LL GO FOR A RIDE!

KAY HAILED A CAB, BUT I DIDN'T KNOW WHERE WE WERE GOING -- AND I DIDN'T CARE

THIS IS WHERE WE GET OUT, AL! I KNOW JUST THE THING TO FIX THAT HEAD OF YOURS!

(GROAN) LEAD ME TO IT! I FEEL LIKE A TRUCK JUST RAN OVER ME!



SHE LED ME UP TO AN APARTMENT -- HERS -- AND BROUGHT ME A DRINK OF SOMETHING OR OTHER THAT TASTED VILE --



COME ON, AL -- DRINK IT UP -- ALL OF IT! I'LL CHANGE INTO SOMETHING MORE COMFORTABLE

BR-R-R! WHAT HORRIBLE STUFF!

BUT IT DID THE TRICK, ALL RIGHT, AND THEN KAY WAS BACK.. AND I FELT MY HEAD REELING AGAIN. BUT THIS TIME IT WAS FOR THE LOVE I MISSED WITH DEVIE!



THERE, NOW SUPPOSE WE JUST RELAX. COME ON AL... PUT YOUR ARM AROUND ME!

WELL... I... ALL RIGHT, KAY!

A SUDDEN UNCONTROLLABLE URGE SWEEPED OVER ME, AND I COULDN'T HELP MYSELF. MY ARMS WENT AROUND KAY AND SHE CAME TO ME WITHOUT HESITATION, HER EYES CLOSED, HER LIPS PARTED --



DON'T SAY ANYTHING, AL! JUST HOLD ME -- KISS ME

AND THEN I CRUSHED MY LIPS DOWN UPON HERS. SHE WAS WARM AND SOFT AGAINST ME, VIBRANT WITH LIFE.. AND LOVE!



BUT JUST IN TIME SOMETHING SNAPPED IN MY BRAIN. CALL IT CONSCIENCE OR LOYALTY OR WHATEVER YOU WISH. I DON'T KNOW WHAT IT WAS ... BUT I DID KNOW THAT I HAD TO GET BACK TO DEVIE!

IT... IT'S NO GOOD KAY! I LOVE MY WIFE TOO MUCH... YOU UNDERSTAND, DON'T YOU?

SURE AL, YOU'RE STILL A LITTLE COUNTRY BOY WITH A STRAW IN HIS HAIR!

THE TOWER ARMS, AND HURRY! I'VE GOT TO GET THERE QUICKLY! HURRY... MAKE THIS THING MOVE!

SURE, MAC, SURE! WE'RE PRACTICALLY THERE!

BUT WHEN I OPENED THE DOOR TO OUR APARTMENT... DEVIE WAS NOT ALONE! SHE HAD SOME GUY WITH HER I HAD NEVER SEEN BEFORE... A BIG, HANDSOME GUY AND MY ANXIETY TURNED TO VIOLENT ANGER!

AL, WE WERE WONDERING WHEN YOU'D COME HOME

WORRYING THAT I'D WALK IN ON YOU AND YOUR BOYFRIEND!

NOW WAIT A MINUTE, AL. YOU'VE GOT THIS ALL WRONG

NO! FOR THE FIRST TIME I'VE GOT IT ALL RIGHT! GET OUT BEFORE I THROW YOU OUT!

IF THAT'S WHAT YOU WANT! BUT YOU'RE A BLIND FOOL!

AL!!

HOW DARE YOU BURST IN HERE AND MORTIFY ME LIKE THAT! I DON'T KNOW WHAT'S WRONG WITH YOU, AL!

GO ON... SAY IT ALL! TELL ME YOU MAKE MORE MONEY IN A MONTH THAN I DO IN A YEAR... THAT YOU'RE TIRED OF ME AND WANT A DIVORCE!

DON'T PRETEND, AL! I KNOW YOU DON'T LOVE ME ANYMORE AND THAT IT'S YOU WHO WANTS A DIVORCE. WHY AREN'T YOU MAN ENOUGH TO ADMIT IT?

WHAT DO YOU MEAN BY THAT CRACK?

WHAT DO YOU THINK I MEAN? YOUR SLIP IS SHOWING, AL - ALL OVER YOUR FACE AND BREATH. NEXT TIME WIPE THE LIPSTICK OFF!

YOU WERE SO SMART ABOUT IT, AL! YOU DROVE ME AWAY, MAKING ME GO OUT NIGHTS WHEN I WANTED TO STAY HOME! WELL, NOW I KNOW WHY YOU DIDN'T WANT ME AROUND... AND I WON'T BE. GOOD BYE, AL!

DEVIE...
WAIT!

SHE SLAMMED THE DOOR BEFORE I COULD STOP HER, AND SOMETHING WENT OUT OF MY HEART. I KNEW NOW I HAD BEEN WRONG FROM THE BEGINNING, THAT WE SHOULD HAVE NEVER LEFT OUR COTTAGE.

COME BACK, DEVIE!
PLEASE, DARLING!

I WENT HALF OUT OF MY MIND WITH FEAR. I HAD TO FIND DEVIE, TO TELL HER HOW WRONG I HAD BEEN... TO BEG HER TO TAKE ME BACK. THE NEXT MORNING I WENT TO SEE FRED CHAMBERS, HOPING THAT HE WOULD KNOW WHERE SHE WAS...

NO, I DON'T
KNOW
WHERE
DEVIE IS!

BUT YOU MUST HAVE
SOME IDEA, CHAMBERS!
I GOT TO SEE HER! I'LL
GO CRAZY IF I DON'T!

FROM WHAT I HEARD, YOU ACTED CRAZY ENOUGH LAST NIGHT! IN CASE YOU DIDN'T KNOW, CLIFF BORLAND IS FROM HOLLYWOOD! HE WANTED DEVIE TO DO A PICTURE, AND SHE WANTED TO TALK IT OVER WITH YOU FIRST!

WHAT A FOOL
I'VE BEEN!

WEEKS WENT BY, AND STILL I WAS UNABLE TO FIND DEVIE. IT SEEMS NEW YORK HAD JUST SWALLOWED HER UP WITHOUT A TRACE. AND THEN I HAD AN IDEA... SHE HAD GONE BACK TO HER PARENTS! OF COURSE! BUT WHEN I ASKED HER FATHER AND MOTHER...

SORRY, SON, BUT WE
HAVEN'T SEEN DEVIE
SINCE SHE WENT
OFF TO NEW
YORK WITH
YOU!

THEN YOU MEAN
SHE HASN'T COME
BACK TO THE
COTTAGE?

NO, AL, SHE HASN'T. DAD AND I HAVE BEEN TAKING CARE OF THE PLACE FOR YOU... MOWING THE LAWN AND THINGS...

OH,
I SEE!

I HAD NEVER FELT SO LOW--SO UTTERLY LOST. I'D BEEN SO SURE I WOULD FIND HER THAT I COULDN'T THROW OFF THE SHOCK. BUT I KNEW I'D NEVER STOP SEARCHING. BEFORE STARTING OFF AGAIN, THOUGH, I WANTED TO TAKE ONE LAST LOOK AT THE COTTAGE WHERE WE HAD ONCE BEEN SO HAPPY!



I UNLOCKED THE DOOR AND SLOWLY STEPPED IN. A FLOOD OF MEMORIES CAME OVER ME...

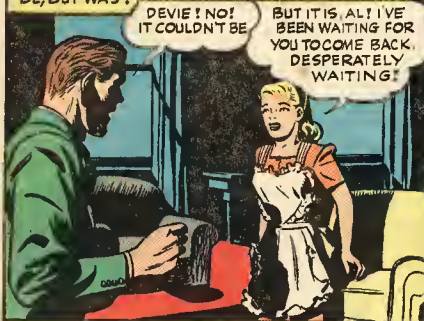
I WANTED DEVIE TO HAVE EVERYTHING IN LIFE-- BUT SHE ALREADY HAD IT! IF I COULD ONLY FIND HER AGAIN? I'D BRING HER BACK HERE AND LOVE HER AND NEVER LET HER GO!



AN THEN, SUDDENLY, AN APPARITION APPEARED BEFORE MY STARTLED EYES--A VISION THAT COULDN'T BE, BUT WAS!

DEVIE! NO! IT COULDN'T BE

BUT IT IS, AL! I'VE BEEN WAITING FOR YOU TO COME BACK. DESPERATELY WAITING!



BUT--BUT YOUR MOTHER AND FATHER! THEY SAID...

I KNOW. THEY PHONED AND TOLD ME. AND THAT'S THE REASON I KEPT QUIET WHEN YOU CAME IN. I WANTED TO SEE WHAT YOU WOULD DO-- WHAT YOU WOULD SAY!



OH, DARLING--DEVIE, DARLING! I WAS SO WRONG! I THOUGHT YOU WOULD BE HAPPY BEING A BIG STAR!

BUT I HATED IT-- EVERY MINUTE OF IT! ALL I EVER WANTED TO BE WAS YOUR WIFE!



AND I SWORE TO MYSELF THAT THAT WAS THE WAY TO LEAVE IT-- I HAD MADE A TERRIBLE MISTAKE BUT I KNEW THAT I'D NEVER MAKE THE SAME MISTAKE AGAIN, BECAUSE NOW I HAD EVERYTHING AND DEVIE HAD EVERYTHING-- THAT WE COULD EVER WISH FOR!



WHAT'S ON YOUR HEART?

A Personal Problems Department
Conducted by Mrs. Laura Brown

PROBLEM: Four months ago a new boy moved into our neighborhood, and he seemed the nicest person I'd ever known. We are both in our last year of high school, and the second time we met he asked for a date. We saw each other nearly every day, and about two months ago he said he loved me, and I was sure I loved him.

Then he told me there was another girl in the picture. Her family and his had an understanding that he would marry her when he graduated, and her father was holding a job open for him. He said the whole thing amounted to an engagement.

I tried to break off with him after that. He wouldn't listen and insisted on dating me, and we continued as before. But three weeks ago he told me that he and this girl married secretly during the holidays. He says they are not happy together, that he loves me, and I don't know what to believe. Is he sincere, or isn't he. I can't ask anyone about it because he made me promise to keep his secret.

Maybe all this sounds silly, but I can't help loving him. Right now I'm all mixed up. I can't keep my mind on school work, or interest myself in someone else. He tells me that he's sure now he loves me and will find some way of getting out of his hasty marriage. Would it be very wrong for me to keep on seeing him?

Helen T.

ANSWER: What kind of a young man is he to come back to you after marrying another girl, and insist that he's in love with you? Either he's kidding you about his secret marriage, in which case he has a warped sense of humor, or he has no idea of what being honest and straightforward means.

If his story is true, and if he loves you, why did he marry another girl? And why secretly? It is apparent that he has deceived you from the beginning. He does not love you, and never did, and the wisest course you can take is to stop having anything to do with him and put him out of your heart and mind.

When you regain your emotional equilibrium you will realize that not dating him and refusing to see him alone was the only sensible thing you could have done under the circumstances.

PROBLEM: My girl friend and I need your help. We are sixteen, in high school, not exactly wall-flowers, and realize our problem is not unusual. But the question is, just what kind of girls do boys like?

Do boys go only for the good-looking girls? Some boys act shy, and some are too forward. Some think they know it all and seem to like dating girls who can go out any time. We don't mean they are bad girls, but just that they don't have to be in at a set hour and can date every night.

We've had boys come to our homes, but they acted bored. We tried playing the radio, or records, and dancing, had cokes and cake, but these boys told us right out they weren't having much fun. We don't know what to do or what to think, and boys are so hard to please.

Kay and Alma.

ANSWER: It's clear that every boy has different likes and dislikes. A high-school survey has it that boys favor the girl who is peppy, sociable, one with whom they can share carefree fun, but not one who puts on airs and pretends to be different than she is.

Boys seem to prefer the girl who tries, even when the evening's a dud, to make the best of it. When a girl has a date and discovers she doesn't care for the boy, it's only sporting to make it a pleasant time for them both, though she knows she won't be dating him again.

How about personal appearance? That's important, too. Girls needn't be movie queens to win a boy's approval and admiration as long as they are neat, well-mannered, friendly and treat a boy like another human being. And if a girl enjoys a date she needn't be too shy to say so. Boys like compliments. I hope this is the answer you wanted and that it helps.

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HEARTBREAK HEADLINES

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ATTAGIRL, KEVIN. LET'S GET THE PRESSES ROLLING!

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KEVIN... KEVIN KNIGHT!

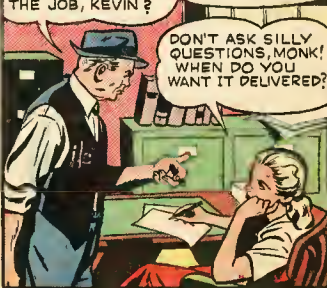
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HERE I AM, BOSS!



ANOTHER ONE OF MY PUNK REPORTERS JUST GOT HIS FACE KNOCKED OUT OF SHAPE TRYING TO GET THE LOWDOWN ON GLENN FRASER'S LOVE LIFE! THINK YOU CAN HANDLE THE JOB, KEVIN?

DON'T ASK SILLY QUESTIONS, MONK! WHEN DO YOU WANT IT DELIVERED?



I DON'T CARE HOW LONG IT TAKES... BUT GET IT! A MILLION READERS ARE WAITING TO SOP UP DETAILS ON THE COUNTRY'S MOST ELIGIBLE BACHELOR

REST YOUR WEARY BONES AND CONSIDER IT DONE, BUT IT'LL COST REAL MONEY TO GET AN EXCLUSIVE LIKE THAT!



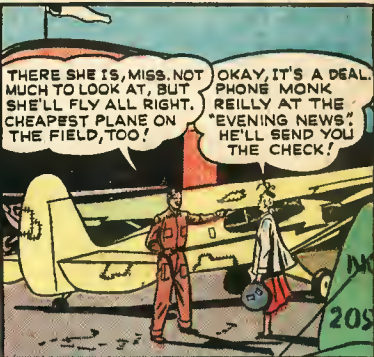
WRITE YOUR OWN EXPENSE TICKET... BUT FOR GAD'S SAKE DON'T FALL FOR HIM YOURSELF! THEY SAY THAT EVERY GAL THAT SEES HIM GOES OFF HER BONNET!

DON'T BE FOOLISH, MONK! MY BONNET IS GLUED ON TIGHT, AND MY HEART IS PROTECTED BY A NICKEL-STEEL JACKET!



I WASTED NO TIME GOING AFTER MY SCOOP. BUT I HAD TO FIGURE OUT AN APPROACH. GLENN FRASER WAS A PHONY IN MY BOOK, BUT HE WAS ONE OF THE RICHEST AND MOST ELIGIBLE BACHELORS AND HE HAD A REP FOR NOT LIKING REPORTERS.

THIS IS ONE JOB I'M GOING TO LIKE.... AND I KNOW JUST HOW TO DO IT! FIRST STOP IS THE AIRPORT!



THERE SHE IS, MISS. NOT MUCH TO LOOK AT, BUT SHE'LL FLY ALL RIGHT. CHEAPEST PLANE ON THE FIELD, TOO!

OKAY, IT'S A DEAL. PHONE MONK REILLY AT THE "EVENING NEWS." HE'LL SEND YOU THE CHECK!

I WARN YOU, IF THIS CRATE DOESN'T HOLD TOGETHER LONG ENOUGH I'LL ROAST YOU IN PRINT!

DON'T WORRY ABOUT THAT, MISS! THIS BABY IS GOOD FOR A LONG TIME TO COME!



AND HE WAS RIGHT! DESPITE ITS PATCHES, IT PUTT-PUTTED FAR OUT TO LONG ISLAND.... THEN I TWISTED THE SWITCH ON AND OFF OVER GLENN FRASER'S ESTATE.....

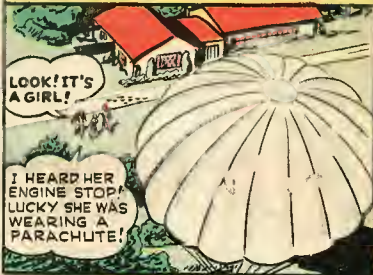
GLENN FRASER WILL SEE ME ALL RIGHT.... AND UNLESS HE KNOWS PLenty ABOUT FLYING HE'LL THINK I'M IN TROUBLE!



NEXT I CUT THE SWITCH COMPLETELY. AND JUMPED! AS I FELL THROUGH SPACE I HAD TO LAUGH, REALIZING THAT NO ONE HAD EVER BEFORE THOUGHT TO DROP IN FOR TEA AT THE FRASERS PLACE IN EXACTLY THIS MANNER!



I DRIFTED SLOWLY TOWARD THE GROUND, AND PEOPLE STARTED COMING THROUGH DOORS OF THE SPRAWLING ESTATE. THEY WERE EXCITED, AND THEIR VOICES DRIFTED UP TO ME



I HEARD HER ENGINE STOP! LUCKY SHE WAS WEARING A PARACHUTE!

I LET MY BODY GO LIMP AS I TOUCHED THE GROUND, ACTING AS IF I HAD FAINTED. THAT WAS THE BEST WAY I COULD THINK OF TO GET INTO THE HOUSE!



SHOULD I CALL A DOCTOR, KAY? SHE MIGHT BE HURT!

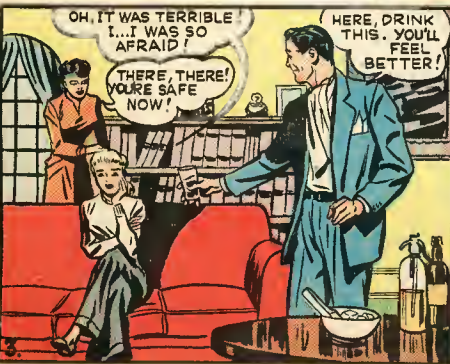
GET HER INTO THE HOUSE FIRST, GLENN! MAYBE IT'S JUST SHOCK!

GLENN GATHERED ME UP IN HIS ARMS, AND HE WAS MUCH STRONGER THAN I WOULD HAVE EXPECTED. THEN, A FEW MINUTES LATER, THE ODOR OF SMELLING SALTS CLOYED IN MY NOSTRILS



THANK GOODNESS YOU'RE ALL RIGHT! YOU PARACHUTED YOUR PLANE AND FAINTED ON THE WAY DOWN!

WH... WHERE AM I?



OH, IT WAS TERRIBLE I... I WAS SO AFRAID!

THERE, THERE! YOU'RE SAFE NOW!

HERE, DRINK THIS. YOU'LL FEEL BETTER!

I'M TERRIBLY SORRY TO HAVE BOTHERED YOU THIS WAY. IF YOU'LL TELL ME HOW TO GET TO THE TRAIN STATION, I'LL BE ON MY WAY!

NO I DON'T THINK YOU'RE STRONG ENOUGH YET!

WE INSIST YOU STAY OVER NIGHT, AND GLENN WILL DRIVE YOU BACK IN THE MORNING!



I HAD PLAYED MY CARDS RIGHT ...AND THEY ANSWERED JUST THE WAY I HOPED! NOW I WOULD HAVE PLENTY OF TIME TO DO MY DIGGING INTO GLENN'S LOVE LIFE! AND THAT EVENING AFTER DINNER...

IF YOU LADIES WILL EXCUSE ME, I HAVE SOMETHING IMPORTANT I WANT TO JOT DOWN IN MY DIARY!

GO RIGHT AHEAD, GLENN!

HIS DIARY! WHAT A BREAK! I MUST GET MY HANDS ON THAT BOOK!

MY MIND RACED WITH PLANS. I WOULD NOT WRITE JUST A STORY FOR MONK REILLY... I WOULD GIVE HIM A TERRIFIC SCOOP! I WAS ITCHING TO GET STARTED! THEN GLENN RETURNED!

WELL, THAT'S FINISHED! NOW, HOW'S ABOUT A WALK IN THE GARDEN? IT'S TOONICE TO STAY INDOORS!

OH, I'D LOVE TO!

YOU TWO GO AHEAD. I WANT TO FINISH THAT NEW BOOK BY SHELLABARGER!

GLENN AND I WALKED FOR A HALF AN HOUR OR SO, AND I STUDIED HIM CAREFULLY. THIS WAS THE MAN I WAS GOING TO SPLASH ACROSS THE FRONT PAGE, AND I WANTED TO KNOW HIM BETTER. THEN WE STOPPED, AND HE SAID....

KEVIN, I'VE BEEN WANTING TO ASK YOU SOMETHING, BUT I DON'T KNOW JUST HOW TO PHRASE IT! I'M

TRY ME, GLENN! I PROMISE TO COME THROUGH WITH A SMILE, NO MATTER WHAT!

AFRAID I'LL MAKE YOU ANGRY!

WELL, MY SECRETARY LEFT ME THIS MORNING TO GET MARRIED, AND I'VE BEEN THINKING THAT IF YOU WEREN'T DOING ANYTHING....

OH, GLENN! HOW WONDERFUL! WHY SHOULD YOU HAVE THOUGHT I'D BE ANGRY? I'D JUST LOVE TO HAVE THE JOB AS YOUR NEW SECRETARY!

THIS WAS BETTER LUCK THAN I'D EVEN DARED HOPE FOR! GLENN WAS PLAYING RIGHT INTO MY HANDS, PUTTING ME IN A SPOT WHERE I COULD LEARN EVERY LITTLE SECRET OF HIS LIFE...AND DURING THE NEXT FEW DAYS I TOOK GOOD ADVANTAGE OF THAT POSITION!

SURE YOU DON'T WANT TO COME ALONG TO TOWN, KEVIN? THERE'S NO RUSH ON THOSE LETTERS!

THANK YOU, GLENN, BUT I'D RATHER FINISH UP! I DON'T LIKE TO LEAVE WORK UNDONE!

BUT AFTER HE LEFT I PROMPTLY FORGOT ABOUT THE LETTERS. I TOOK THE DIARY FROM HIS DESK DRAWER AND PUT A COLLECT CALL THROUGH TO MONK REILLY..

HELLO, MONK? KEVIN KNIGHT! I'VE GOT ALL THE DIRT ON GLENN FRASER! TAKE IT DOWN... BUT I DON'T WANT IT USED UNTIL I GET IN TO WRITE IT! OKAY? HERE GOES.....

I WAS LIVING IN THE KIND OF A PARADISE MOST REPORTERS DREAM ABOUT. DIGGING UP MY MATERIAL WITHOUT TOO MUCH EFFORT AND THEN ONE NIGHT GLENN SUGGESTED ANOTHER WALK. WE STOPPED AT A VERY OLD, PICTURESQUE WELL.....

WHAT A LOVELY OLD WELL! IT MUST BE AT LEAST A HUNDRED YEARS OLD

IT'S A WISHING WELL, KEVIN! IF YOU WANT SOMETHING BADLY ENOUGH AND WISH FOR IT HERE...

YOUR WISH IS SUPPOSED TO BE GRANTED!

THEN I DON'T SUPPOSE YOU COME HERE VERY OFTEN, GLENN! YOU'VE ALREADY GOT EVERYTHING! NOT EVERYTHING! MATTER OF FACT, I WANTED TO WISH FOR SOMETHING TONIGHT!

OH? DO YOU MIND IF I ASK WHAT IT IS...OR IS YOUR WISH A DEEP DARK SECRET?

NO, IT'S NOT A SECRET...NOT FROM YOU! I WANTED TO WISH THAT YOU'D NEVER HAVE TO LEAVE ME!

MAYBE IT WAS THE MOON, OR THE WISHING WELL, OR GLENN'S PERSONAITY....OR MAYBE I WASN'T AS TOUGH AS I THOUGHT. BUT SUDDENLY I WAS NO LONGER A CYNICAL REPORTER. I WAS A WOMAN IN THE ARMS OF A MAN....

KEVIN... DARLING!

OH, GLENN!

SOMETHING HAPPENED TO ME, KEVIN, WHEN I SAW YOU FLOATING DOWN IN YOUR PARACHUTE! YOU LOOKED LIKE...WELL, LIKE AN ANGEL FROM HEAVEN

DON'T TALK LIKE THAT, GLENN... PLEASE! I'M FAR FROM BEING AN ANGEL!

YOU'RE AN ANGEL TO ME, AND THAT'S ALL THAT MATTERS! I'VE FALLEN HEAD OVER HEELS IN LOVE WITH YOU!

OH, GLENN I...I DON'T KNOW WHAT TO SAY!

DO NOT SAY ANYTHING, DARLING....
EXCEPT THAT I'VE GOT A CHANCE!
I KNOW IT'S SUDDEN,
BUT I WANT YOU TO
MARRY ME!

I...I'LL THINK ABOUT IT,
GLENN! GIVE ME UNTIL
THE MORNING, PLEASE!

I WAS CONFUSED,
MY MIND A CRAZY
MIXED-UP KNOT
OF TANGLED
EMOTIONS. I
DIDN'T KNOW
WHAT TO DO...
COULDN'T THINK
STRAIGHT. I
WENT TO MY
ROOM AND TRIED
TO REASON IT
OUT.....

YOU HAVE TO MAKE YOUR
DECISION, KEVIN! WHAT ARE
YOU... A REPORTER WITH A
LINOTYPE MACHINE FOR A
HEART, OR ARE YOU A WOMAN
IN LOVE? YOU CAN'T BE BOTH!

AND THEN I MADE UP MY MIND. RATHER,
MY HEART DECIDED FOR ME! I KNEW THAT I
WOULD BE A FOOL IF I SAID NO TO GLENN, AND
I RUSHED TO TELL HIM MY DECISION.....

YES, GLENN, I LOVE YOU!
I DON'T CARE ABOUT
THE PAPER OR ANYTHING
ELSE! I LOVE YOU!

BUT IT SEEMED THAT GLENN HAD PLAYED
ME FOR A TERRIBLE FOOL, FOR AS I
CAME OUT OF MY ROOM.....

YOU ASKED KEVIN
TO MARRY YOU?
BUT, GLENN, YOU
DON'T KNOW
ANYTHING
ABOUT HER!

OH, YES, I DO... I KNOW
ALL ABOUT HER! I
PHONED THE AIRPORT
TO REPORT THE
CRASH, AND THEY
TOLD ME WHO OWNED THE
PLANE. KEVIN'S A
REPORTER FOR THE
"EVENING NEWS"!

THAT WAS ENOUGH!
I HAD HEARD ALL
I NEEDED TO
HEAR TO KNOW
THAT GLENN
COULDN'T LOVE
ME... AND MY
BLOOD BOILED!
I RACED TO THE
END OF THE HALL
AND HURRIED
DOWN THE BACK
STAIRS, THOUGHTS
OF REVENGE
RUNNING HOT
THROUGH ME!

ALL RIGHT, MR. GLENN
FRASER, I'LL WRITE A
STORY THAT'LL MAKE YOUR
HAIR STAND ON END!

KEVIN CAME HERE TO GET
A STORY ABOUT MY LOVE
LIFE... AND I WANT TO BE
SURE THAT SHE LEARNS
ABOUT IT FIRST-HAND!

CAREFUL NOT TO BE SEEN OR HEARD, I OPENED THE DOOR TO HIS STUDY AND SNATCHED THE DIARY FROM HIS DESK. I WANTED TO GET THE FULL STORY, AND ONCE AGAIN I WAS THE HARD-BOILED REPORTER!

YOU WANT ME TO GET THE STORY FIRST-HAND, DO YOU? THAT'S WHAT I'M GOING TO DO... AND WAIT TILL YOU SEE HOW I ROAST YOU OVER THE FIRES OF THE FRONT PAGES!



THEN I BOLTED FROM THE HOUSE. GLENN HAD SAID THAT IT WAS TWENTY MILES TO THE NEAREST RAIL ROAD, BUT I DIDN'T CARE, I KNEW I'D MAKE IT SOMEHOW!



I WALKED FOR AN HOUR OR MORE, AND THEN MY SHELL COLLAPSED AND THE TEARS CAME THROUGH. I SOBBED OUT MY GRIEF AGAINST A TREE!

OH, GLENN, GLENN! IT'S NO USE. I LOVE YOU. I ALWAYS WILL!



WHEN SUDDENLY I HEARD THE ROAR OF AN AUTOMOBILE RACING ALONG THE ROAD. I QUICKLY DRIED MY TEARS AND FLAGGED THE DRIVER FOR A RIDE.



WANT A LIFT LADY?

OH, THANK YOU! MY FEET ARE JUST WORN OFF!

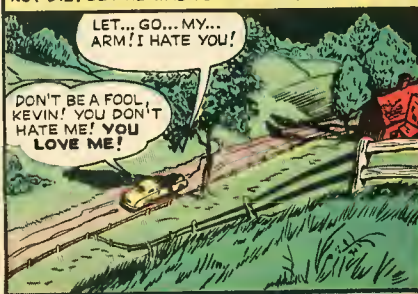
I STEPPED INTO THE CAR AND CLOSED THE DOOR... AND THEN TRIED TO GET OUT AGAIN! THAT WAS THE LAST CAR IN THE WORLD I WANTED TO BE IN, TIRED FEET OR NOT!



GLENN, LET ME OUT... LET ME OUT, I SAY!

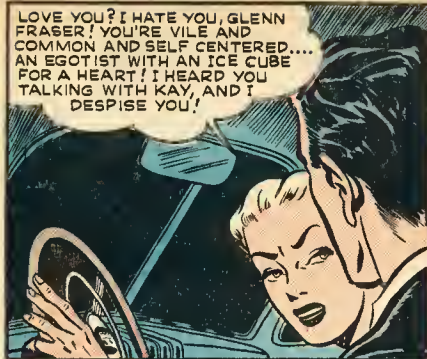
WAIT A MINUTE HONEY! I WANT TO TALK TO YOU!

I WAS A WILDCAT, AND I FOUGHT HIM WITH JUNGLE FURY. I HATED HIM... DESPISED HIM... LOATHED HIM... ALL THE MORE SO BECAUSE MY LOVE WOULD NOT DIE. BUT HE WAS TOO STRONG!

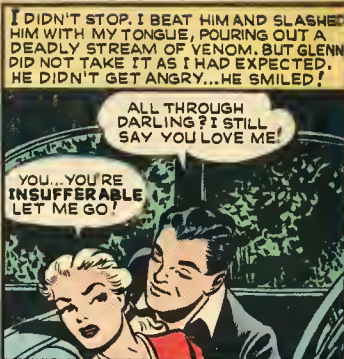


LET... GO... MY... ARM! I HATE YOU!

DON'T BE A FOOL, KEVIN! YOU DON'T HATE ME! YOU LOVE ME!



LOVE YOU? I HATE YOU, GLENN FRASER! YOU'RE VILE AND COMMON AND SELF CENTERED.... AN EGOTIST WITH AN ICE CUBE FOR A HEART! I HEARD YOU TALKING WITH KAY, AND I DESPISE YOU!



I DIDN'T STOP. I BEAT HIM AND SLASHED HIM WITH MY TONGUE, POURING OUT A DEADLY STREAM OF VENOM. BUT GLENN DID NOT TAKE IT AS I HAD EXPECTED. HE DIDN'T GET ANGRY...HE SMILED!

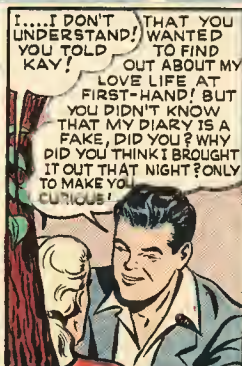
ALL THROUGH DARLING? I STILL SAY YOU LOVE ME!

YOU...YOU'RE INSUFFERABLE LET ME GO!



I BOLTED OUT OF THE DOOR BUT GLENN WAS RIGHT AFTER ME!

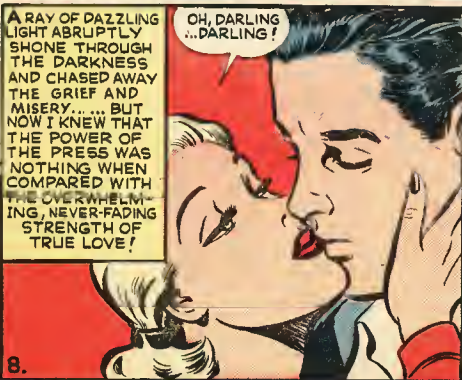
LET ME GO NOT UNTIL YOU HEAR MY SIDE OF FRASER! IT! YES I KNEW YOU WERE A REPORTERTHAT'S ONE REASON I ASKED YOU TO WORK FOR ME...BUT I DIDN'T KNOW I WAS GOING TO FALL IN LOVE WITH YOU!



I....I DON'T UNDERSTAND! YOU TOLD KAY! THAT YOU WANTED TO FIND OUT ABOUT MY LOVE LIFE AT FIRST-HAND! BUT YOU DIDN'T KNOW THAT MY DIARY IS A FAKE, DID YOU? WHY DID YOU THINK I BROUGHT IT OUT THAT NIGHT? ONLY TO MAKE YOU CURIOUS!

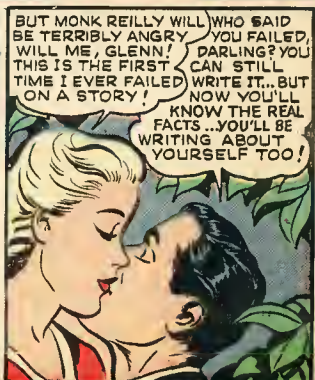


A FAKE! YOU MEAN YOU DON'T EVEN KEEP A DIARY? CERTAINLY NOT! AND THAT'S ANOTHER REASON I WANT YOU TO STOP WORK AND MARRY ME! A GOOD REPORTER WOULD HAVE REALIZED THAT DIARY WAS A PHONY!



A RAY OF DAZZLING LIGHT ABRUPTLY SHONE THROUGH THE DARKNESS AND CHASED AWAY THE GRIEF AND MISERY.... BUT NOW I KNEW THAT THE POWER OF THE PRESS WAS NOTHING COMPARED WITH THE OVERWHELMING, NEVER-FADING STRENGTH OF TRUE LOVE!

OH, DARLING ...DARLING!



BUT MONK REILLY WILL WHO SAID BE TERRIBLY ANGRY YOU FAILED, WILL ME, GLENN! DARLING? YOU THIS IS THE FIRST TIME I EVER FAILED CAN STILL WRITE IT...BUT ON A STORY! NOW YOU'LL KNOW THE REAL FACTS ...YOU'LL BE WRITING ABOUT YOURSELF TOO!

STUFF ABOUT STARS

What a Doy

At the rate Doris Day is putting mileage on her new convertihle, it will be an antiquated model before the car has its 1000-mile servicing.

Doris bought the car exactly one month ago and has amassed the startling total of 50 miles on the speedometer. The actress, who lives less than one mile from Warner Bros. Studio where she is working in the Technicolor musical "On Moonlight Bay," drives to work, parks it all day and drives home at night. Sundays she stays home and putters around the house.

At this rate the car will be almost two years old by the time it has its first checkup.

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Joan Crawford Is Now The Boss

There have been some changes made since Joan Crawford and Eve Arden last appeared together in a film.

Five years ago, they were together in "Mildred Pierce," with Miss Arden as Miss Crawford's employer.

Now they are back together in Warner Bros.' "Goodbye, My Fancy," only this time it's vice versa, and Miss Arden is an employee of Miss Crawford.

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Crawford Knew Without Coaching

Broderick Crawford, in Columbia's "Remember That Face," plays a cop who masquerades as a waterfront worker. Brod needed no special coaching for the part. Before he became an actor he worked as a stevedore on the New York docks and can still do a good job of running a winch.

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Hall Spends Day Pitching Woo

While making "China Corsair" for Columbia, Jon Hall spent several hours filming a roughhouse scene in which he repeatedly threw Chinese actor Frank Woo through a pair of swinging doors. That night wife

Frances Langford asked if Jon had had a tough day at the studio. "Not at all, honey," he replied, "I spent practically the whole day pitching Woo."

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Erudition Runs Rampant In Outdoor Drama

Erudition is rampant in Warner Bros.' "Raton Pass," even though it's an outdoor action thriller, with guns and villains and horses!

Star Dennis Morgan graduated from Carroll College of Milwaukee which gives that city its frequently used right to claim him as its own. He also worked on a newspaper there for a short time.

Dorothy Hart, one of his two lovely leading ladies, is a graduate of Western Reserve University of Cleveland where she was once homecoming queen and won recognition for the highest scholarship rating of any student in the school.

Patricia Neal, who co-stars with Dennis, attended Northwestern University for two years, but her stage career caught up with her and prevented completion of her courses. She is still very "college conscious."

Scott Forbes, one of the two principal villains, has degrees from Balliol college of Oxford and the Sorbonne in Paris.

The other "heavy," Steve Cochran, attended the University of Wyoming for one year.

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Big Actress Added To "Force Of Arms"

One of motion picture's biggest actresses, 300-pound Anna Demetrio, has been signed by Warner Bros. for a role in "Force Of Arms," starring William Holden, Nancy Olson and Frank Lovejoy.

Miss Demetrio, who was born in Italy and is well known for her many portrayals of Continental Europeans, will play an Italian cafe owner in the wartime love story. Michael Curtiz directs, with Anthony Veiller producing for Warners.

HOW COULD I HOPE
TO HOLD THE LOVE
OF MY HUSBAND
WHEN I WAS
CONSTANTLY
BEING REMINDED
THAT OURS WAS A...

SECOND HAND LOVE

THIS SHOULD HAVE BEEN THE HAPPIEST TIME
IN MY LIFE. I WAS THE WIFE OF DAVID
BILLARD, THE MOST PROMINENT MAN IN
TOWN. I WAS IN LOVE AND WE WERE ON
OUR HONEYMOON... BUT I WAS AFRAID!

SOMETHING'S
TROUBLING YOU, CAROL.
WHAT IS IT? SORRY
YOU MARRIED ME
ALREADY?

OF COURSE NOT,
DARLING! THESE HAVE
BEEN THE HAPPIEST
TWO WEEKS I'VE EVER
KNOWN. IT'S JUST THAT...
WELL... DAN WILL BE HERE
TOMORROW AND...



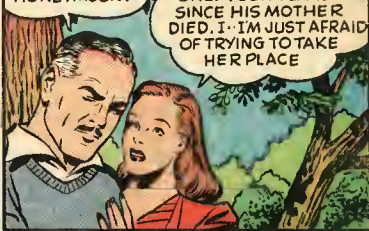
THEN DON'T TRY. I LOVED HIS MOTHER, TOO,
BUT I DON'T EXPECT YOU TO TAKE HER PLACE.
I MARRIED YOU BECAUSE I LOVE YOU! I
ASKED DAN UP HERE FOR A GOOD REASON
BECAUSE I WANTED HIM TO KNOW THAT TOO
AS QUICKLY AS POSSIBLE!



DAVE WAS A WIDOWER AND DAN WAS HIS
SON. THE BOY WAS AT BOARDING SCHOOL.
WHEN WE WERE MARRIED AND I WAS
ABLE TO PUT HIM OUT OF MY MIND. NOW I
WAS ALMOST FACE TO FACE WITH SOMEONE
I'D MET ONLY ONCE OR TWICE... A GROWN
BOY WHO WAS TO BE PART OF MY LIFE!

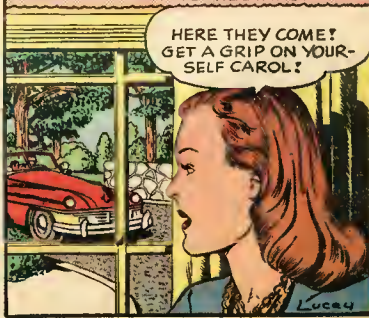
I KNOW. A MAN
SHOULDN'T HAVE
HIS SON ON A
HONEYMOON!

IT'S NOT THAT, DAVE!
BUT DAN IS ALMOST
TEN YEARS OLD. IT'S
ONLY FOUR YEARS
SINCE HIS MOTHER
DIED. I'M JUST AFRAID
OF TRYING TO TAKE
HER PLACE



BUT IT WAS ONE THING TO KNOW THAT DAVE
LOVED ME FOR MYSELF AND QUITE ANOTHER
TO CONVINCE A YOUNG BOY THAT I WASN'T
TRYING TO USURP HIS MOTHER'S PLACE
IN HIS AFFECTIONS. IT WAS WITH GRAVE
MISGIVINGS THAT I WAITED AT THE LODGE
WHILE DAVE WENT TO THE STATION

HERE THEY COME!
GET A GRIP ON YOUR-
SELF CAROL!



TRAIN WAS A LITTLE LATE BUT WE FINALLY MADE IT EH, DANNY? AH.... YOU REMEMBER CAROL, DON'T YOU?

HELLO, DANNY! WE'RE GOING TO HAVE A LOT OF FUN THIS WEEK. WE'LL SOON BE OLD FRIENDS, WON'T WE?

H'LO!

I BEGAN TO THINK THAT MAYBE DAVE WAS RIGHT. WHEN I CAME DOWNSTAIRS THE NEXT MORNING I COULD HEAR THE SOUNDS OF DANNY'S LAUGHTER!

GOOD SHOT DANNY!

THAT'S GAME! HERE CAROL, YOU TAKE OVER WHILE I SEE WHAT'S HOLDING UP BREAKFAST!

BUT, WHEN DAVE LEFT, DANNY JUST STOOD WITH THE BIRD IN HIS HAND, MAKING NO MOVE TO SERVE. FINALLY HE SPOKE.

I... I DON'T WANT TO PLAY, ANYMORE!

WHY NOT, DANNY? IS IT BECAUSE YOU DON'T LIKE ME?

IF I WANTED THE TRUTH, I GOT IT! IT CAME FORTH IN AN ANGRY TORRENT OF TEARS AND WORDS THAT HE COULD NO LONGER HOLD BACK!

YES! I WASN'T SUPPOSED TO SAY IT, BUT IT'S TRUE! YOU'RE MRS. BILLARD BUT YOU'RE NOT MY MOM AND I DON'T NEED YOU AROUND!

WE ATE DINNER ALMOST IN COMPLETE SILENCE. DANNY WAS POLITE, BUT TALKED ONLY WHEN SPOKEN TO.... AND ALWAYS I COULD SEE THE BITTER RESENTMENT IN HIS EYES! THAT NIGHT, AFTER HE HAD GONE TO BED, I HAD TO SPEAK.

WELL, I WASN'T EXACTLY A ROARING SUCCESS TODAY, WAS I?

OH, DANNY WILL COME AROUND, CAROL. HE'S JUST A LITTLE STRANGE, GIVE HIM TIME!

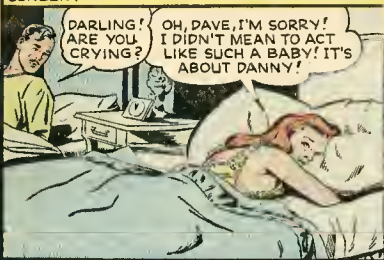


BUT YOU'RE WRONG, DANNY! WE ALL NEED EACH OTHER. DON'T YOU SEE?

NO I DON'T! POP AND I WERE DOING ALL RIGHT WITHOUT YOU AND WE COULD STILL DO ALL RIGHT WITHOUT YOU! WHY DON'T YOU GO AWAY AND LEAVE US ALONE?



I DIDN'T MENTION DANNY'S OUTBURST. I WAS AFRAID THAT, IF DAVE PUNISHED HIM, HE WOULD INSTINCTIVELY BLAME ME. I STILL HOPED TO WIN HIM OVER BUT HE REMAINED COLD...POLITE ...BUT COLD! THE NIGHT BEFORE OUR LAST DAY AT THE LODGE I COULD CONTROL MYSELF NO LONGER!



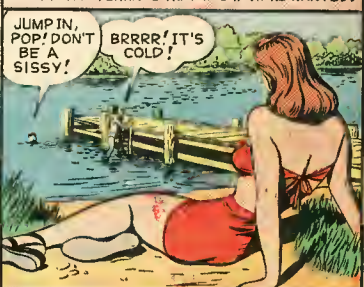
I JUST CAN'T BEAR THE THOUGHT OF MOVING BACK TO TOWN AND BEING ALONE WITH HIM WHILE HE'S IN THIS STATE OF MIND!



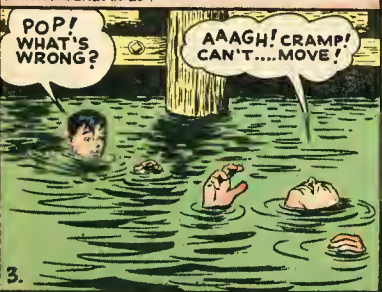
BUT THE NEXT DAY IT WAS THE SAME OLD STORY. BY LUNCH TIME I HAD LOST ALL INTEREST IN DANNY, THE OUTING, AND MORE FRIGHTENING, EVEN IN DAVE!



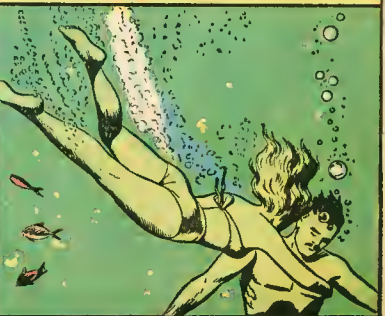
DANNY RAN OUT ON THE DOCK AND IMMEDIATELY PLUNGED IN. FOR A MOMENT I ALMOST WISHED HE WOULDN'T COME UP. THE THOUGHT TERRIFIED ME. IF I GREW TO HATE HIM I SHOULD CERTAINLY LOSE DAVE. PERHAPS THAT WAS WHAT HE WANTED.



I WATCHED HIM FROLICKING IN THE WATER, THEN I TURNED AWAY. I FELT LIKE AN INTRUDER. WOULD IT ALWAYS BE THIS WAY? SUDDENLY MY THOUGHTS WERE PIERCED BY A SHARP CRY FROM DAVE AND DANNY SCREAMED!



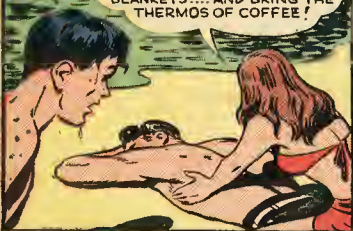
BY THE TIME I REACHED THE DOCK DAVE HAD DISAPPEARED. I DOVE FOR A SPOT MARKED BY BUBBLES SLOWLY RISING TO THE SURFACE.



SOMEHOW I MANAGED TO DRAG HIM ASHORE. I STARTED ARTIFICIAL RESPIRATION AS DAN WATCHED. GONE WAS HIS COLD CALM AND IN ITS PLACE WAS JUST A SCARED CHILD.

IS... IS HE D... DEAD?

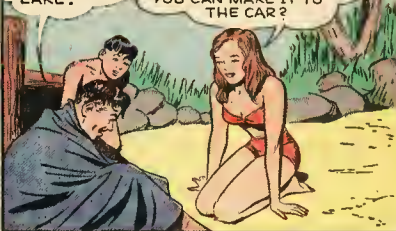
NO! BUT HE WILL BE IF WE DON'T KEEP HIM WARM! RUN TO THE CAR AND GET SOME BLANKETS.... AND BRING THE THERMOS OF COFFEE!



AFTER A FEW MINUTES DAVE'S BREATHING BECAME REGULAR. HIS EYELIDS FLUTTERED AND I MANAGED TO GET SOME HOT COFFEE INTO HIM. SOON HE WAS SITTING UP!

WOW! I MUST HAVE TRIED TO SWALLOW THE LAKE!

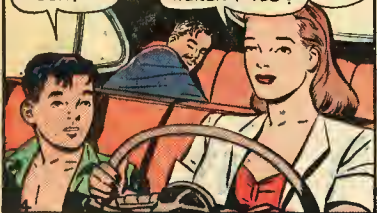
VERY FUNNY. BUT WE'VE GOT TO GET YOU BACK TO THE LODGE AND TO BED. THINK YOU CAN MAKE IT TO THE CAR?



ON THE WAY BACK TO THE LODGE DAVE DOZED ON THE BACK SEAT. DANNY WAS SILENT..... JUST STARING..... FINALLY HE SPOKE.

I... I'M SORRY ABOUT WHAT I SAID TO YOU THAT DAY.... I GUESS YOU LOVE DAD PRETTY MUCH!

YOU DON'T HAVE TO APOLOGIZE, DANNY. WE CAN'T HELP THE WAY WE FEEL. YOU WERE PRETTY WORRIED ABOUT YOUR DAD WEREN'T YOU?



BUT THAT'S JUST IT! I DON'T FEEL THAT WAY, NOW.... AND I WAS PRETTY WORRIED ABOUT YOU, TOO! WILL YOU TEACH ME TO SWIM UNDERWATER SOMETIME... MOM?



I GUESS THAT WORD "MOM" GAVE ME MORE HAPPINESS THAN ANYTHING EXCEPT, PERHAPS, THE FIRST DAY I HEARD IT FROM THE LIPS OF MY OWN SON! AND I HOPE AND PRAY HE'LL NEVER KNOW THE TURMOIL THAT CAN COME WITH SECOND HAND LOVE!



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WE BOTH WANT YOU, VENETIA, AND WE WANT YOUR ANSWER NOW! IS IT GOING TO BE PERRY... OR IS IT GOING TO BE ME?

THINK CAREFULLY BEFORE YOU MAKE YOUR CHOICE, MY DEAR. IF YOU DON'T, YOU'LL REGRET IT THE REST OF YOUR LIFE!

HOW CAN I DECIDE... HOW CAN I?

I THINK I SHALL NEVER FORGET THAT NIGHT WHEN BOTH GREG BAKER AND PERRY FRANCIS CALLED ON ME AND DEMANDED A SHOWDOWN. I WAS AT MY WIT'S END, AND I COULD ONLY HOPE THAT MY CHOICE WAS THE BEST ONE...

NO GIRL WAS EVER FACED WITH A MORE DIFFICULT DECISION THAN MINE...

WELL, HAVE YOU MADE UP YOUR MIND, VENETIA?

YES, PERRY. I HAVE. I KNOW THAT I'LL NEVER BE HAPPY UNLESS I MARRY...



YES, I HAD MY DECISION... I WAS AT LAST SURE WHICH ONE OF THESE MEN HAD CAPTURED MY HEART. BUT BEFORE I EXPLAIN THE FINAL CHAPTER IN MY DILEMMA, I WOULD LIKE TO TELL YOU THE FULL STORY OF HOW IT CAME INTO BEING... TO SEE IF YOU WOULD HAVE REACHED THE SAME CONCLUSION...



YOU DO NOT SEEM TO REALIZE THAT EDITORS CANNOT SPEAK WITH **EVERYONE** WHO WANTS TO SEE THEM! WHY, THERE ARE **HUNDREDS** OF ARTISTS AND WRITERS COMING IN HERE EVERY WEEK!

OH, I SEE...
TH--THANK
YOU.



DON'T THANK ME, MY DEAR... THANK MR. FRANCIS INSTEAD! HE IS A VERY **UNUSUAL MAN!** AND IF YOUR WORK SHOWS ANY PROMISE, HE WILL PROBABLY GIVE YOU A **TRIAL ASSIGNMENT!**



WHEN I FIRST CAME TO NEW YORK I WAS BURSTING WITH AMBITION TO BECOME A FAMOUS MAGAZINE COVER ARTIST... BUT I VERY SOON DISCOVERED THAT THE LADDER TO SUCCESS IS OLD AND WORN, AND THAT THE CLIMB IS DIFFICULT!

I'M SORRY, MISS PORTER, BUT MR. BLAIR SAYS THAT **BROADWAY FASHIONS** PURCHASES COVER PAINTINGS ONLY FROM **ESTABLISHED ARTISTS!**

BUT WON'T HE EVEN **LOOK** AT MY PAINTINGS? IT WILL TAKE ONLY A MINUTE AND HE MIGHT SEE SOMETHING HE LIKES!



AND SO IT WENT WITH ALL THE MAGAZINES. THEY WOULD NOT LOOK AT MY WORK BECAUSE I HAD NEVER SOLD COVER PAINTINGS! AND I KNEW I WOULD NEVER SELL UNLESS THEY DID LOOK AT MY WORK. IN DESPERATION I FINALLY TURNED TO THE ADVERTISING AGENCIES, AND ONE DAY...

MR. FRANCIS WILL BE **HAPPY** TO LOOK AT YOUR PAINTINGS, MISS PORTER. HE SAYS HE IS ALWAYS INTERESTED IN **NEW TALENT!**

HE WILL...
REALLY? OH,
THANK
YOU SO
MUCH!



THAT WAS HOW I CAME TO MEET PERRY FRANCIS. I HAD TO ADMIT THAT HE WAS **UNUSUAL**... SO KIND, SO UNDERSTANDING. BUT HE WAS ALSO **CRITICAL** AND **EXACTING**...

WHAT DO YOU THINK, MR. FRANCIS... DO YOU LIKE MY WORK?

HMM-- I DON'T KNOW. LET ME FINISH GOING THROUGH THEM FIRST!



I LIKE YOUR USE OF COLORS, MISS PORTER, BUT YOUR WORK IS A LITTLE TOO IMPRESSIONISTIC FOR ADVERTISING! YOU MUST MAKE IT CRISPER... **HARDER HITTING.**



I...I DON'T UNDERSTAND, MR. FRANCIS. WHAT DO YOU MEAN?

THIS ONE, FOR EXAMPLE, MIGHT HAVE COMMERCIAL VALUE IF IT WEREN'T SO DARK AND IF THE BACKGROUND DID NOT DETRACT SO MUCH FROM THE CENTRAL FIGURES. YOU'VE GONE TOO HEAVY ON TECHNIQUE, MISS PORTER!

OH, I TRIED, MR. FRANCIS... I THOUGHT THESE WOULD BE JUST WHAT YOU WANTED!



MY BUBBLE OF HOPE HAD SUDDENLY BURST INTO DESPAIR. I WAS ASHAMED OF MY ACTIONS, BUT I COULD NOT CONTROL MY EMOTIONS...

THERE, THERE.. DON'T TAKE IT SO HARD, MISS PORTER. YOU'LL BE READY TO SELL IN ANOTHER SIX OR SEVEN MONTHS.

SIX OR SEVEN MONTHS? I SOBE I CAN'T WAIT THAT LONG. MY MONEY'S ALMOST SOBE ALMOST ALL GONE NOW!



HMM-M! THAT'S BAD. I DON'T LIKE TO SEE TALENT LIKE YOURS GOING TO WASTE... I WONDER IF YOU WOULD BE INTERESTED IN A JOB HERE, TO HELP TIDE YOU OVER?

WOULD I? OH, MR. FRANCIS.. THAT WOULD BE WONDERFUL! HOW CAN I EVER THANK YOU?



AND SO INSTEAD OF SETTING THE WORLD ON FIRE, I HAD A JOB MUCH AS ANY OTHER PERSON... BUT WITH ONE DIFFERENCE... PERRY TOOK IT UPON HIMSELF TO FURTHER MY ART CAREER. AND HE INSISTED THAT I PRACTICE LONG HOURS!

YOU'VE COME ALONG WONDERFULLY, VENETIA! THIS PAINTING SHOULD SELL THE FIRST TIME OUT!

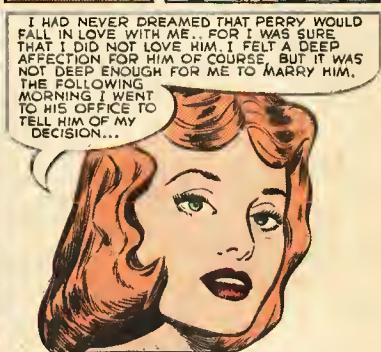
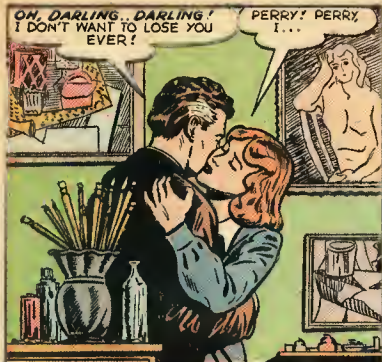
THANK YOU, PERRY. BUT I WOULD NEVER HAVE HAD A CHANCE IF YOU HADN'T WORKED ME SO HARD THESE PAST FEW MONTHS!



I...I SUPPOSE I'VE NO RIGHT TO SAY THIS, VENETIA, BUT NOW THAT YOU'RE SO CLOSE TO SUCCESS, I HOPE YOU WON'T LEAVE THE OFFICE. I...I'VE GROWN MUCH TOO FOND OF YOU.

AND I'VE BE-COME FOND OF YOU, TOO, PERRY! THERE NEVER WAS A KINDER, SWEETER, MORE HELPFUL PERSON!





I LOVED PERRY MORE THAN I COULD EVER REPAY, AND I KNEW THAT HE WOULD BE DEEPLY HURT, BUT HE WAS TOO FINE TO BE DECEIVED, TOO HONEST TO BE PUT OFF. I HAD TO TELL HIM THE TRUTH.. AS DIFFICULT AS IT MIGHT BE...

WITH THE DOOR ONLY PARTLY OPEN I HAD NOT NOTICED THAT HE HAD A VISITOR IN HIS OFFICE. NOW, OF COURSE, I COULD NOT GIVE HIM THE UNWELCOME NEWS...



DARLING, MAY I PRESENT GREG BAKER.. GREG, THIS IS VENETIA PORTER, THE LOVELY LADY I HOPE TO MARRY!

WELL, SHE'S EVERYTHING YOU TOLD ME, PERRY, YOU LUCKY STIFF! I'M HAPPY TO MEET YOU, VENETIA.

HOW DO YOU DO, MR. BAKER.

GREG BAKER, I SOON FOUND OUT, WAS THE CONTROLLING HEAD OF MUSIC INCORPORATED, THE LARGEST THEATRICAL AND LITERARY AGENCY IN NEW YORK. HE WAS ALSO YOUNG AND HANDSOME.. AND VERY GLIB..

I HOPE YOU'LL FORGIVE ME, VENETIA, BUT I CAN'T HELP STARING AT YOU, IN CASE YOU DIDN'T ALREADY KNOW.. YOU'RE BEAUTIFUL! YOU SHOULD BE ON THE STAGE!

YOU'RE A WOLF, MR. BAKER! I'LL BET YOU SAY THAT TO ALL THE GIRLS!

REALLY, I'M SERIOUS. YOU HAVE A NICE FIGURE, A LOVELY VOICE, AND A PLEASING PERSONALITY. YOU'D BE A STAR IN NO TIME AT ALL, WITH MY MANAGEMENT... AND, INCIDENTALLY, THE NAME IS GREGG.

THANKS FOR THE COMPLIMENTS.. GREGG, BUT I DON'T WANT TO ACT. I'D RATHER SPEND MY LIFE IN FRONT OF A CANVAS.

THE THREE OF US HAD LUNCHEON TOGETHER, AND THAT AFTERNOON, BEFORE I WAS ABLE TO TELL PERRY OF MY DECISION, WE RECEIVED AN URGENT TELEPHONE CALL FROM THE AGENCY BRANCH OFFICE IN LOS ANGELES, AND...

JUST RUSHED IN TO TELL YOU I'VE BEEN CALLED OUT TO THE COAST ON THE REUBEN'S ACCOUNT, DARLING! HAVE TO CATCH A PLANE IN TWENTY MINUTES.. I DON'T KNOW HOW LONG I'LL BE GONE...

BUT WHAT ABOUT YOUR WORK HERE, PERRY... WHO'LL TAKE CARE OF IT?

YOU WILL, DARLING! AS OF NOW YOU ARE MY ASSISTANT... AND WHEN I RETURN I HOPE YOU'LL CONSENT TO BE MY PARTNER! BYE, SWEET, I'VE GOT TO RUN!

SO NOW I OWED PERRY AN EVEN GREATER DEBT. BUT STILL I KNEW THAT THOUGH I WAS TERRIBLY FOND OF HIM, I COULD NEVER ACTUALLY LOVE HIM. AND THEN ONE MORNING ABOUT A WEEK LATER...

WHY, GREG BAKER! HOW ARE YOU? I'M GLAD TO SEE YOU, OF COURSE, BUT PERRY'S NOT HERE. HE'S IN LOS ANGELES ON A SPECIAL JOB.

THAT'S EXACTLY WHY I'M HERE, MY LOVELY ONE! PERRY PHONED ME AND ASKED THAT I TAKE YOU OUT.. TO KEEP YOU FROM BEING LONELY. AND, I MIGHT ADD YOU'RE MORE RAVISHING THAN EVER!

PERRY SAID THAT? YOU MUST BE KIDDING, GREGG!

CROSS MY HEART AND HOPE TO LOSE EVERY ONE OF MY CLIENTS! I WARNED HIM, TOO, THAT I WAS GOING TO TRY TO STEAL YOU AWAY AND TURN YOU INTO A FAMOUS ACTRESS!



GREGG AND I WERE TOGETHER ALMOST CONSTANTLY FOR THE NEXT THREE WEEKS. I WAS ATTRACTED BY HIS SUAVE PERSONALITY, HIS BUBBLING ENTHUSIASM, HIS DYNAMIC CHARM. I FOUND MYSELF FORGETTING THAT PERRY EVEN EXISTED! AND THEN ONE DAY GREGG INSISTED ON SEEING SOME OF MY ART WORK...



I HAD BEEN HAVING TOO GLORIOUS A TIME WITH GREGG TO THINK OF ANYTHING AS MUNDANE AS PAINTING, AND I TOOK HIM UP TO MY APARTMENT WITH SOME MISGIVINGS AS TO THE QUALITY OF MY WORK.

I HOPE YOU LIKE IT, GREGG. BUT REALLY, I HARDLY EVEN REMEMBER WHETHER THIS ONE IS GOOD ENOUGH TO SHOW YOU.

IF YOU MADE IT, HONEY, IT MUST BE BEAUTIFUL! NOTHING ELSE COULD POSSIBLY COME FROM ANYONE SO LOVELY.



SAY, THIS IS REALLY GOOD, HONEY! YOU'RE MORE TALENTED THAN I EVER DREAMED! WHY HAVEN'T YOU TRIED TO SELL IT?

JUST ONE OF THOSE THINGS, GREGG. I SUPPOSE I'VE BEEN HAVING TOO MUCH FUN EVEN TO THINK ABOUT WORK.



AND THEN BEFORE I COULD STOP HIM... IF I HAD WANTED TO STOP HIM... GREGG WAS HOLDING ME IN HIS ARMS. A DELICIOUS THRILL OF ECSTASY COURSED UP MY SPINE AND THE STRENGTH SUDDENLY DRAINED FROM ME...

GREGG... OH-H-H, GREGG!

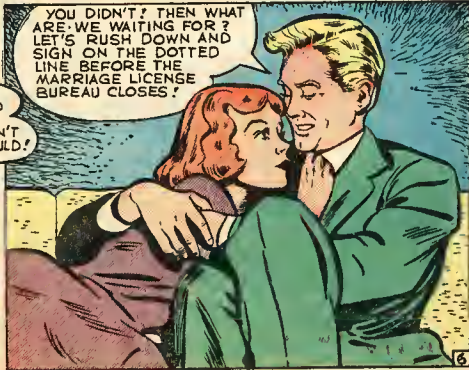


I'VE WANTED TO DO THAT FOR SUCH A LONG TIME, BABY! YOU DON'T KNOW HOW IT HAS TORTURED ME... WANTING TO TOUCH YOU AND KNOWING THAT YOU BELONG TO PERRY!

BUT I DON'T BELONG TO PERRY, DARLING! HE ASKED ME TO MARRY HIM, BUT I DIDN'T TELL HIM I WOULD!



YOU DIDN'T? THEN WHAT ARE WE WAITING FOR? LET'S RUSH DOWN AND SIGN ON THE DOTTED LINE BEFORE THE MARRIAGE LICENSE BUREAU CLOSSES!



NO, GREGG, WE CAN'T. I WOULDN'T DO ANYTHING LIKE THAT WITHOUT FIRST TELLING PERRY. IT WOULD HURT HIM TOO MUCH.



PERRY RETURNED TWO DAYS LATER, AND I DON'T THINK I HAVE EVER SEEN A HAPPIER, MORE ANXIOUS PERSON. I DREADED THE THOUGHT OF WHAT I WAS GOING TO HAVE TO DO TO HIM...

DARLING, YOU HAVE NO IDEA HOW WONDERFUL IT IS TO SEE YOU AGAIN! NO, DON'T MOVE! JUST STAND THERE AND LET ME LOOK AT YOU! THAT'S IT.. THAT'S THE KIND OF SMILE I REMEMBERED IN MY DREAMS.. THE KIND THAT MADE ME FALL IN LOVE WITH YOU!



NO, PERRY, DON'T KISS ME...PLEASE! I WANT TO TELL YOU SOMETHING FIRST. I WANT YOU TO KNOW THAT GREGG ASKED ME TO MARRY HIM!



HE...WHAT? BUT THAT'S RIDICULOUS! YOU DON'T LOVE GREGG, DO YOU?

I...I DON'T KNOW, PERRY. I'M ALL JUMBLED UP AND DON'T KNOW WHAT TO THINK!



YES, I LIED TO PERRY.. FOR THE VERY FIRST TIME, BUT I COULDN'T BEAR TO TELL HIM THE TRUTH SO ABRUPTLY. IT WOULD BE BETTER, I THOUGHT, TO LET IT COME IN SLOW STAGES TO LESSEN THE SHOCK.

BUT YOU'VE GOT TO MAKE UP YOUR MIND, VENETIA.. YOU'VE GOT TO! I CAN'T STAND THE THOUGHT OF LOVING YOU SO TERRIBLY AND LOSING YOU TO SOMEONE LIKE GREGG!

PLEASE, PERRY, DON'T BLAME GREGG. IT WAS MY FAULT AS MUCH AS HIS!



NO, IT'S NOT YOUR FAULT! NO GIRL COULD HELP FALLING IN LOVE WITH GREGG. HE HAS MONEY, LOOKS, EVERYTHING! OH, I SHOULD HAVE EXPECTED SOMETHING LIKE THIS TO HAPPEN.



I LEFT THE OFFICE EARLY THAT AFTERNOON AND WALKED UNTIL I WAS TIRED, TRYING TO FIGURE A WAY TO TELL PERRY. BUT THAT EVENING I STILL HAD NOT ARRIVED AT AN ANSWER TO MY PROBLEM...

OR MAYBE I COULD WRITE PERRY A LETTER EXPLAINING IT SLOWLY, SIMPLY... LETTING HIM UNDERSTAND THAT I WAS NEVER REALLY IN LOVE WITH HIM... BUT NO, THAT WOULD SEEM TOO UNDERHANDED!



HOW I'VE MISSED YOU GREGG! DON'T EVER LET ME GO... PLEASE.

LET YOU GO? HONEY, WE'RE GOING TO SIGN A BINDING CONTRACT!



BUT WE DIDN'T HAVE TIME TO ACT, FOR NO SOONER HAD GREGG SPOKEN WHEN THERE WAS ANOTHER KNOCK AT THE DOOR. THIS TIME I KNEW WITHOUT DOUBT WHO IT WAS...

GOOD EVENING, PERRY.

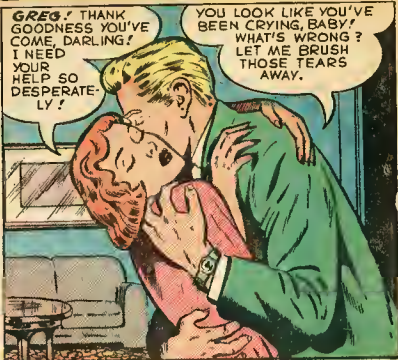
I WAS OUTSIDE WATCHING AND SAW GREGG COME UP, VENETIA, AND I'M NOT GOING TO LET HIM INFLUENCE YOUR DECISION! I WANT TO ASK HIM A FEW QUESTIONS!



WHEN SUDDENLY THERE WAS A KNOCK ON MY DOOR. AT FIRST I WAS AFRAID IT MIGHT BE PERRY... BUT THEN I SIGHED IN RELIEF...

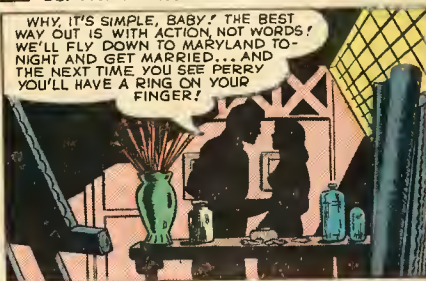
GREGG! THANK GOODNESS YOU'VE COME, DARLING! I NEED YOUR HELP SO DESPERATELY!

YOU LOOK LIKE YOU'VE BEEN CRYING, BABY! WHAT'S WRONG? LET ME BRUSH THOSE TEARS AWAY.



I EXPLAINED THE SITUATION TO GREGG AND HE IMMEDIATELY HAD AN ANSWER. PERHAPS IT WASN'T THE KINDEST ANSWER, BUT IT WOULD HAVE SOLVED THE PROBLEM WITH THE GREATEST DISPATCH...

WHY, IT'S SIMPLE, BABY! THE BEST WAY OUT IS WITH ACTION, NOT WORDS! WE'LL FLY DOWN TO MARYLAND TONIGHT AND GET MARRIED... AND THE NEXT TIME YOU SEE PERRY YOU'LL HAVE A RING ON YOUR FINGER!



I WANT TO ASK YOU SOMETHING, GREGG, AND I WANT A STRAIGHT ANSWER. I'VE KNOWN VENETIA A LONG TIME AND I LOVE HER WITH ALL MY HEART. I WANT TO KNOW IF YOU LOVE HER... REALLY LOVE HER!

SHE'S THE LOVELIEST GIRL I'VE EVER MET, PERRY! WHY DO YOU THINK I ASKED HER TO MARRY ME?



THAT'S NOT ANSWERING ME, GREGG! I SAID **DO YOU LOVE HER, NOT DO YOU THINK SHE'S LOVELY?** DO YOU LOVE HER ENOUGH TO WANT TO STAY MARRIED TO HER FOR THE REST OF YOUR LIFE... TO RAISE CHILDREN... TO GROW OLD TOGETHER?

WAIT A MINUTE, OLD BOY! SURE I LOVE HER BUT I CAN'T PLAN THAT FAR AHEAD! YOU'RE GIVING ME TOO BIG AN ORDER!

THEN I SAY YOU DON'T LOVE HER AT ALL! LOVE CAN'T BE TURNED ON AND OFF LIKE A FAUCET, GREGG! IT'S SOMETHING THAT YOU WANT TO HOLD ONTO... THAT YOU CAN'T DO WITHOUT! LOVING SOMEONE THE WAY I LOVE VENETIA IS LIKE HAVING A TERRIBLE PAIN IN THE CHEST... AND NOT WANTING TO STOP IT!



YOU'RE A SINCERE GUY, PERRY BUT... REALLY... THE DECISION IS UP TO VENETIA. I LOVE HER MY WAY AND YOU LOVE HER YOUR WAY... AND NOW IT'S UP TO HER TO PICK THE ONE **SHE** LOVES...



MY HEAD WAS SWIMMING AND I DIDN'T KNOW WHAT TO DO. I KNEW THAT I HAD TO MAKE MY CHOICE... AND SUDDENLY I REALIZED THAT THERE WAS NO CHOICE... THAT THERE HAD ACTUALLY NEVER BEEN ANY CHOICE...

WELL, HAVE YOU MADE UP YOUR MIND, VENETIA?

YES, PERRY, I HAVE. I KNOW THAT I'LL NEVER BE HAPPY UNLESS I MARRY... **YOU!** I'VE LOVED YOU FROM THE VERY BEGINNING BUT I WAS TOO BLIND TO REALIZE IT!



DARLING, DARLING!

WELL, GOOD LUCK, PERRY OLD BOY! I LOST TO A BETTER MAN... AND FRANKLY, I THINK VENETIA MADE THE **WISEST** CHOICE!



AND THAT IS HOW I SOLVED MY DILEMMA. BUT WHILE I MIGHT MISS THE LUXURIES GREGG COULD HAVE GIVEN ME, I HAVE SO MUCH MORE THAT WORLDLY THINGS SEEM TRIVIAL BY COMPARISON. PERRY'S LOVE FOR ME IS STILL AS GREAT AS EVER... AND WE NOW HAVE TWO WONDERFUL CHILDREN! WHAT MORE COULD ANY GIRL WANT OUT OF LIFE?



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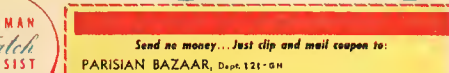
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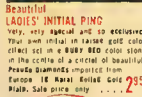
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